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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I have always thought it unfortunate that the phone and cable companies enjoy a monopolies in their markets. I understand that civic governments granted them that special position because of the high costs of rolling out their infrastructure. That does make sense, as long as the resulting monopolies are well governed and regulated. Even with that regulation, these companies are so famous for their opportunistic pricing and bad customer service that they've become a well known cliché.

For this reason I chose to use a competitive service, Sonic Inc, for my phone (landline) and internet (DSL) access. I am happy with this service, it's significantly cheaper and faster than AT&T - and customer service is fast and responsive.

Please don't undermine competitive service providers and their customers!
Keep an eye on these government sanctioned monopolies, don't grant them the ability to restrict competition!

Thank you.

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